

## **LINKAGE OF CAPTA FUNDS TO THE CONTINUUM OF SERVICES**

The Child Abuse Prevention Treatment Act funds allow Missouri the flexibility to use dollars for enhancements to existing programs. State funds are often limited and primarily allow the Children's Division to maintain programs, not enhance and update them. The Children's Division monitors results from both external and internal reviews to improve practice. This flexible funding stream enhances the ability to address practice improvement needs. One example would be the enhancements to the Child Abuse/Neglect Hotline Unit call management system which not only purchased an updated telephone system, but incorporated (SDM) tools and philosophy purchased in past years with CAPTA funds. Another example is the funding of the Family Centered Services consulting contracts. These contracted services are provided by licensed psychologists, MSW's, or doctorate professionals. They provide consultation and education to field staff and supervisors on many different levels and subjects pertinent to child welfare. Some consulting is also provided on a one-on-one basis to therapeutic foster care providers.